GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:512
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2005
FOODGRAIN SCAM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of a recent study conducted by Planning Commission which has revealed that nearly 50 per cent of the foodgrains meant for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families do not reach the targeted people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said study has also indicated that the benefits meant for the BPL families is being availed by the people belonging to Above Poverty Line (APL) category;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of the States where such corrupt activities have come to light; and

(f) the steps being taken to check such activities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.512 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.05.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

The Planning Commission has intimated on 28th April, 2005 that the final report of a Study by its Programme Evaluation Organisation taken up on the request made in 1999 by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, is in the process of printing, copies of which will be made available in due course.

The requisite reply would, therefore, be made available on receipt of the final report.